

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Revocation)	
)	
or Suspension of the Educator)	CONSENT ORDER OF
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Certificate of Lisa D. McTeer)	VOLUNTARY SURRENDER
)	
Certificate # 188293)	

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on February 10, 2004. On November 21, 2003, the South Carolina Department of Education (Department) sent Ms. Lisa D. McTeer a notice of hearing before the State Board concerning the possible suspension or revocation of her South Carolina educator certificate number 188293 (certificate) by certified mail, return receipt, restricted delivery. Ms. McTeer received the notice as evidenced by a postal receipt bearing her signature. Ms. McTeer initially requested a hearing, but subsequently agreed in settlement to the voluntary surrender of her certificate, in lieu of a hearing where the Department would seek the permanent revocation of her certificate. The agreement allows Ms. McTeer the right to re-apply for a certificate after three years from the date of this order. If she chooses to re-apply for a certificate, Ms. McTeer must undergo a character fitness review by the State Board. This surrender will be reported to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse and all South Carolina school districts. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the voluntary surrender of Ms. McTeer's certificate upon the terms set forth above.

Lisa D.
McTeer
188293

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Ms. McTeer holds a valid South Carolina certificate with over six years of teaching experience in Spartanburg County School District Five (District). She was under contract with the District for the 2002-2003 school year. Ms. McTeer resigned from her position as a National Board Certified Biology teacher at Byrnes High School, effective October 17, 2003, after she admitted to an inappropriate romantic relationship with a male student at the school. She denied they had a sexual relationship.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The South Carolina Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (1990). Just cause

includes “Unprofessional conduct ...and Evident unfitness for the position for which employed.” S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (1990). The State Board finds that the preponderance of the evidence presented supports its decision to accept the voluntary surrender of Ms. McTeer’s certificate # 188293, effective February 10, 2004.

South Carolina State Board of Education

By: /S/ Mary E. Jones
Dr. Mary Jones
Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
February 10, 2004

I, Lisa D. McTeer, SC Teaching Certificate # 188293, do hereby agree to the proposed Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented as signed to the State Board of Education on Tuesday, February 10, 2004, for approval.

<u>/S/ Lisa D. McTeer</u>	<u>2/19/04</u>
Lisa D. McTeer	Date